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AT THE CANDLELIGHT DINNER "HADDONFIELD AT THE TURN OF THE CENTURY"

FOUR VERY SPECIAL RESIDENTS REMINISCE WHEN WE WERE YOUNG

Can you imagine Haddonfield without water? Streets without sidewalks? How it must have felt to be in a house suddenly ablaze with electric lights? Do you have any idea of where Fishtown was? How Colonial Ridge was named? That one of Haddonfield's early land developers perished on the "Titanic"? Did you know that West Haddonfield was once refused admission to Haddonfield—and that there is still a sign directing travelers to "West Haddonfield"? Would you believe the entire Haddonfield school system was contained in three small buildings—one still standing—on Lincoln Avenue?

Four active, vigorous long-time Haddonfield residents—Mrs. Jesse G. Haydock, Mr. Robert Chew, Mr. Norman Sherrerd and Mr. Benjamin Wood—will share with guests at our Candlelight Dinner their recollections of growing up in and growing up with Haddonfield. Listening to Mrs. Haydock and Messrs. Chew, Sherrerd and Wood, one can almost visualize Haddonfield at the turn of the century—an essentially rural town—with some wide, tree-shaded

CANDLELIGHT DINNER

DATE: Monday, February 24, 1975

TIME: Punch Party, 6:30 p.m.
Dinner, Promptly at 7:00 p.m.

PLACE: Haddon Fortnightly

CATERER: D. C. McCallister & Sons

RESERVATIONS:

Mail check (\$9.00 per person), payable to "Historical Society of Haddonfield," to:

Mrs. R. B. Carll, 667 Euclid Ave., Haddonfield—429-3117.

Reservations must be received no later than February 18. Tickets will not be issued; but your reservation will be held at the Dinner.

avenues lined with large mansions; lesser streets with the more modest residences of the artisans and craftsmen. The railroad station was a focal point in the life of the town, for even then, Haddonfield was a commuter center. And King's Highway, then known as "Main Street," deserved the name then as it does now.

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LET'S CELEBRATE

The Centennial of the Incorporation of Haddonfield as a Borough and the Bicentennial affords an opportunity for The Historical Society of Haddonfield to open wide the doors of "Greenfield Hall" so all may see its historical treasures so generously given and carefully preserved.

It is a time, while looking backward, to move forward in our effort to carry on the tradition of the "best quality" for our Town.

Let's celebrate as individuals and begin by doing our part in: 1) increasing our membership so others may share in the privilege of preserving our heritage; 2) offering to help Gertrude Hess, Librarian, preserve the valuable documents, deeds, books and source material frequently requested by researchers; 3) lending a hand to Pat Lennon in caring for the irreplaceable fashions in furniture and furnishings, china, silver and clothing of bygone years; 4) volunteering a few hours each month on Alice Wood's Hostess Committee; 5) supporting the activities of the Woman's Committee, the mainstay of the Society; and 6) creating an increased awareness of the Society by inviting friends to visit "Greenfield Hall."

Let's celebrate by participating in the Centennial and Bicentennial "happenings" which will take place in the Borough. Hopefully, we may then read again that—"Nothing has ever been presented to the people of the village that they have taken hold of with so much spirit and unanimity by the young, the old, and the middle aged, each imbued with a sense of patriotic duty."

DOROTHY B. MCGLADE
President

HARK YE! MAP LOVERS

The draft of the map of Haddonfield as it appeared in 1875 when the Borough was incorporated has been completed. Printing will go forward about February 1.

The Committee's quest for map information for the Revolutionary and Colonial periods have, to date, produced meager facts and intriguing clues. Partial sketches, dating from 1740 to 1750, in the Society's archives refer only to the north side of King's Highway.

Microfilm copies of survey records in the office of the Council of West Jersey Proprietors at Burlington trace almost the entire area of Haddonfield as early as 1707 to 1717. These surveys, made by Thomas Sharp and recorded in his own hand, show the location of the predecessor to Evans Mill and the position of the bridge on which the "Kings Road" crossed Coopers Creek in 1717. Referring as they do to all the earlier known surveys of this territory, these surveys offer the promise of ultimately determining exactly when the first bridge, which caused Kings Highway to supercede the old Salem-Burlington Road, was built.

THE WOMAN'S COMMITTEE GOOD HOUSEKEEPERS AND EXCELLENT HOSTESSES

Members of the Woman's Committee learned to "live with" the idiosyncracies of the disposal and the dishwasher at "Greenfield Hall," but at June's "Village Fair" their tolerance exploded. In the midst of advance preparations for the luncheon, a plumbing breakdown flooded the kitchen and suspended all further work there. Somehow, they muddled through, but made a firm resolve: It would never happen again. And it won't.

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THE HARTEL PAPERS

As part of her legacy to succeeding generations of Haddonfield residents, Carrie E. Nicholson Hartel left to the Historical Society several original manuscripts describing people, places and events either unique in their time or significant in the evolution of local government.

Two of the manuscripts, "Haddonfield 1682-1875" and "The New Jersey Building," have been previously published—"Haddonfield 1682-1875" in the official Borough booklet "75 Years of Service" (April 1950) and the "New Jersey Building" in a 4-part series in the "Haddon Gazette" (December 1973 and January 1974).

Since the New Jersey Commissioners were among the first to approve participation in the 1876 Centennial Program, it seems particularly fit to begin publication of Mrs. Hartel's papers with her account of the New Jersey Building. To members of the Society and their guests at the Candlelight Dinner, the first pamphlet in the series of Hartel manuscripts may be bought at the special price of \$1.25; next day, the price will be as marked—\$1.50.



Now safe at the Society, this fruit could have been destroyed en route by skittery horses and the Zoo bears.



The gift of Edward Braddock, Jersey "Centennial" Chairs were restored by Christopher Glennon with a donation from the Woman's Committee.

HIP ROOF HOUSE WATCHERS— TAKE HEART

There it stands—alone and still—looking more forlorn and more neglected each day. Passersby ask "When are you going to do something about it?"

The object of this worried concern is—The Hip Roof House. True, it does look fragile but if one could see the sturdy timbers and the oversize bricks of its interior supports, one could easily see why it has survived these 225 or more years!

However, the day of deliverance will soon be at hand. Three builders are making estimates now. A one-of-a-kind house, with several extraordinary features, every phase of work connected with its restoration—from initial bids to materials needed to final coat of paint—requires constant care and attention.

The indications at present are that among the usual sights and sounds of spring will also be the builder and his tools and the rat-ta-tat-tat of hammers at work.

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The face of the land began to change—farmlands, meadows and orchards gave way to streets and scattered homes. Wayward streams were diverted, sometimes with unpredictable results; little ponds disappeared. Gradually the isolated rural town evolved to a modern suburban community, and it is still changing.

For diversion there were plays and opera and lectures on every conceivable subject. There was tennis; and the whole community joined in the presentation of elaborate water pageants. Dedication to community service is not new—there was the Fire Company, the Library Company, and the women were as active as they are today.

But, come—hear our guests! Hear their tales about the Haddonfield they remember. With Mayor Reynolds as “host” it promises to be a very special evening.

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Using profits from the Fair, the women appropriated funds to have the kitchen plumbing overhauled, to purchase a new disposal and dishwasher, and to replace the present counter surfaces. Work is being done now and will be ready for—

A MARCH TEA—to honor Mrs. Haydock and to introduce new members to the Society. The Tea will be given at “Greenfield Hall” Sunday, March 16th, from 1 to 5 p.m. Mrs. Harry P. Atkinson, Chairman, says that no written invitation will be sent but she extends a cordial invitation through the BULLETIN. “Please do join us on this festive occasion to honor one of our most dynamic members, Mrs. Haydock. We take this opportunity, too, to thank all the members of the Society for their generous support of all our activities.”

Remember, March 16, you have a date for tea.

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**DON'T FORGET: MAKE YOUR
RESERVATION FOR THE
CANDLELIGHT DINNER TODAY.**